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Raskob Overseer's House
Centreville vicinity
Private

1930's

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Raskob Overseer's House is located on Corsica Neck on a small point of land along the north bank of Grove Creek. This house is adjacent to the Raskob Stable and Riding Arena (QA-416) and is said to have served as a residence for the trainer/overseer in charge of the stable.

This two story house is constructed of the same red ceramic tile block universally employed on the Pioneer Point estate for all farm and secondary buildings. This building, unlike the barns and stables, has been painted a greyish—white and at a distance looks like rusticated stucco or even cut stone.

The main block of the house is nearly square with a low hip roof. A rectangular hyphen extends from the north end of the west facade to a two story garage.

The front facade faces east, toward the stables. The entrance is in the center bay, flanked by a single 6/6 window on each side.

Three 6/6 windows are ranged across the second story. The door is set off by flanking sidelights, a semi-circular transom and a semi-circular

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

projecting entrance hood. The tile block is laid in stretcher bond with a water table and belt course. The eaves are finished with a box cornice.

The north and south gable walls are virtually identical, with two 6/6 windows on each floor.

The north bay of the west facade is covered by the projecting hyphen. The rear or west door is located in the center bay, with a transom above and a small four-light window to the right, and double French doors in the south bay. There is a 6/6 window above the entrance door on the second floor, and double French casements to the south.

The east wall of the hyphen is set off by two arches on the first floor with double glass doors behind and a single 6/6 window on the second floor. Similar arched openings and glass doors open out on the west wall of the hyphen, facing the water. There is a single 6/6 window to the south of these openings and a paired 8-light casement to the north, centered on the west wall of the garage. Three 6/6 windows are ranged across the second story.

The garage is rectangular and set perpendicular to the hyphen. The garage door is in the east wall,

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7.2 DESCRIPTION

with one 6/6 window centered on the second story.

There are two paired 8-light casement windows on the first story of the north wall, and two 6/6 windows on the second story.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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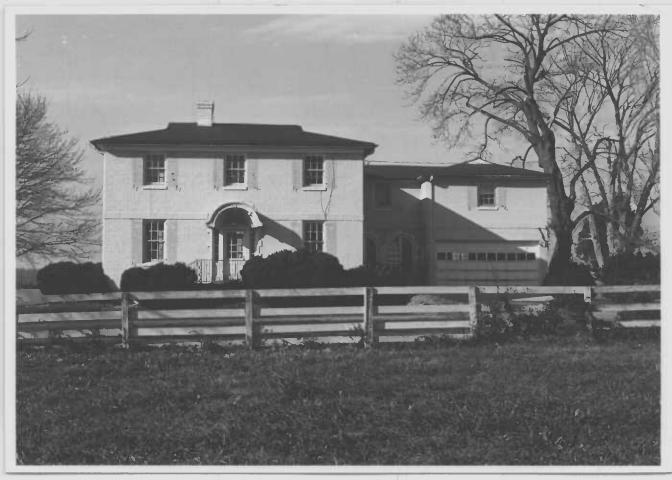
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